

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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THEFT FROM NATIONAL MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and names of items reported missing from the National Museum during the last three years;
- (b) the number of persons found guilty in this regard and the action taken against them;
- (c) the names and the number of items recovered out of them; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to stop recurrence of such type of incidents ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) : During the last three years, one Pistol was reported missing from the Maritime Heritage Gallery of the Indian Navy located in National Museum, on 28th June, 2003.
- (b) & (c) : The case was handed over to Delhi Police for investigation, and its report is awaited.
- (d) : After the above incident, the security of the organisation was reviewed in a meeting held by the Secretary (Culture) with all concerned, including the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Based on the decisions taken in the said meeting, National Museum has initiated action to improve the security.